

REMARKS

Claims 23-52 are pending in the patent application. Claims 23-52 have been finally rejected. The Examiner has rejected claims 23-52 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as being non-enabling for certain of the 5 disclosed antimicrobial agents, citing In re Wands, 8 USPQ 2d 1400 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Applicants file herewith amendments to place the pending claims in condition for allowance. No new matter is added. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 23-52 are respectfully requested. If anything further is needed,
5 the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

10

15


CHYREA J. SEBREE
ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANTS
Registration No.: 45,348
Telephone: (302) 992-3407
Facsimile: (302) 992-2533

Dated: May 23, 2006